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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1176

Introduced by Assembly Member Calderon

February 23, 2001

~~An act to add Section 5307.11 to the Labor Code, relating to workers' compensation.~~ *An act to add Section 1342.51 to the Health and Safety Code and to add Section 10270.35 to the Insurance Code, relating to health care.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1176, as amended, Calderon. ~~Workers' compensation~~ *Health care.*

Existing law makes the Director of the Department of Managed Health Care responsible for enforcing the law of this state relating to health care service plans. Existing law requires the Insurance Commissioner to oversee the Department of Insurance and to enforce all laws of this state relating to insurance.

This bill would require the Director of the Department of Managed Health Care and the Insurance Commissioner to coordinate inquires and complaints each agency has received by enrollees and insureds concerning health care service plan contracts and policies and certificates of disability insurance.

~~Existing law requires the Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation to adopt an official medical fee schedule that establishes~~

~~reasonable maximum fees paid for specified medical services related to workers' compensation.~~

~~This bill would authorize a health care provider or licensed health facility and an employer or carrier to contract for reimbursement rates that are different from the official medical fee schedule.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 5307.11 is added to the Labor Code, to~~
2 *SECTION 1. Section 1342.51 is added to the Health and*
3 *Safety Code, to read:*

4 *1342.51. The Director of the Department of Managed Health*
5 *Care and the Insurance Commissioner shall coordinate inquiries*
6 *and complaints by enrollees and insureds regarding health care*
7 *service plan contracts and policies and certificates of disability*
8 *insurance providing coverage for hospital, surgical, or medical*
9 *benefits under health benefits plans.*

10 *SEC. 2. Section 10270.35 is added to the Insurance Code, to*
11 *read:*

12 *10270.35. The Director of the Department of Managed*
13 *Health Care and the Insurance Commissioner shall coordinate*
14 *inquiries and complaints by enrollees and insureds regarding*
15 *health care service plan contracts and policies and certificates of*
16 *disability insurance providing coverage for hospital, surgical, or*
17 *medical benefits under health benefits plans.*

18 ~~read:~~

19 ~~5307.11. A health care provider or health facility licensed~~
20 ~~pursuant to Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code, and an~~
21 ~~employer or carrier may contract for reimbursement rates different~~
22 ~~from those in the fee schedule adopted and revised pursuant to~~
23 ~~Section 5307.1. When a health care provider or health facility~~
24 ~~licensed pursuant to Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code,~~
25 ~~and an employer or carrier contract for reimbursement rates~~
26 ~~different from those in the fee schedule, the medical fee schedule~~
27 ~~for that health care provider or health facility licensed pursuant to~~

- 1 ~~Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code shall not apply to the~~
- 2 ~~contracted reimbursement rates.~~

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